

But unity in defence is not enough. We must re-inforce our defence action by economic collaboration.

The relations between our countries cannot be taken for granted. They require constructive, continuing and co-operative consideration. We will let you know when we have grievances, as you will let us know. Good relations are reciprocal. I want to reiterate that our attitude is not one of anti-Americanism but rather of pro-Canadianism. As the Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Sidney Smith) said recently, "True friendship cannot be wrecked by honest frankness".

One of the most encouraging signs of a desire to bring about the dissolution of potential difficulties between our countries was the action taken by the House of Representatives Committee on Foreign Affairs in issuing a special report on May 5 last on Canadian-American Relations which was prepared by Congressmen Brooks Hays of Arkansas and Frank N. Coffin of Maine.

The U.S.S.R. appears now to be directing its major attention to the weakening of the free world on the economic front. I believe that the nations of the free world will have to act co-operatively and effectively on economic matters, as they do in defence -- that the free nations will have to refrain from actions which will detrimentally weaken their partners in freedom's quest for freedom's survival anywhere in the world.

Just to mention a few of the things in respect of which an imaginative policy could be helpful...

To remove overhanging surpluses of wheat and our storable farm products and at the same time to assure that strategic reserves of these commodities will be available in Europe should war come.

The setting up of a NATO food bank would have a dual purpose in this regard and could also be used to assist food deficit nations when in need.

The problem of serious unemployment is another that must be met in the free world, for should it become general it would afford Communism its greatest impetus. Joint action to meet the problem would seem to be something worthy of consideration.

To meet the problem of the relations of our nations the Hays-Coffin Report suggested a Congressional Committee on Canadian Relations. I am sure that the Parliament of Canada would give the fullest consideration to the setting up of a similar committee of Canadian Parliamentarians who in periodic visits to our respective capitals would do much to achieve suggested solutions of recurring problems.